RAVE REVIEWS

Caroline Adrian, PT, PhD and CCRP

Director of Rehabilitation Services for all VCA Hospitals

"Hero has, in my opinion, designed the most biomechanically accurate braces for carpal, tarsal and stifle issues. Casting is easy, with the dog in side-lying, and the process from start to finish takes me no more than 20-30 minutes in the clinic. From talking with the client, to evaluating the dog, to casting and mailing the brace, the process is quick and simple.

Ben and his staff are extremely responsive to any questions or concerns that I might have with a patient and offer outstanding clinician support. The videos and learning tools online are most beneficial and easy to follow. The brace itself is easy for clients to use, with minimal complications (due to their accurate design) and/or adjustments needed.

Clients are very satisfied with the product and see positive results immediately in their dog after the first fitting!"

Sarah Bradley, DVM

Veterinarian at All About Pets, Citrus Heights, CA

"This brace is exactly what I was looking for. It’s custom fit for him [Jack, Sarah’s dog] and he is able to wear it all day without a problem. Now that I know that the brace is effective and wonderful, I now have another option to offer my clients!"

How A Stifle Knee Brace Limits Cranial Drawer

Veterinarians test for cranial drawer to diagnose a CCL tear. The test involves pushing forward with their thumb on the lower bone and pulling backward with their fingers on the upper bone (red arrows.) The Hero Brace applies opposite forces to limit the cranial drawer. To ensure those forces are applied properly, the Hero brace is the only design to use plastic in those specific areas (green arrows.) You no longer have to guess if the strap is in the proper place.
GOOD NEWS!

Hero has developed an innovative stifle brace for dogs. A stifle brace is the equivalent to a knee brace in humans. It is used to support dogs that have had a CCL tear in their knee.

WHAT MAKES HERO’S STIFLE BRACE BETTER THAN THE REST?

- Under-sleeve suspension... Simple is better right? With Hero, you do not need a complex harness to make sure the brace stays on your dog’s leg at the dog park.
- Co-polymer plastic design is more durable than fabric AND waterproof or a swim!
- Tamarack joints are guaranteed for the life of your brace.
- Innovative biomechanics... your pal cannot have surgery, yet still deserves the best. Our next generation biomechanical design is the brain child of a collaboration of industry leading physical therapists, biomechanical engineers, and a Certified Prosthetist-Orthotists. Hero’s design team is unmatched!

WHAT MAKES HERO’S STIFLE BRACE BETTER THAN THE REST?

- Allows dog to climb paw over paw and put weight on their leg
- Allows treatment of injury without anesthesia or complications of surgery
- Enhances proprioception or joint position sense
- Reduces fatigue on non-injured limb
- Provides mechanical protection against impact
- Gives muscles time to react and control
- BEST OF ALL... helps the dog get back to playing!

DIAGNOSIS: Bilateral CCL Ruptures
WEIGHT: 102 lbs.
BREED: Airedale Terrier
AGE AT ONSET: 6½ yrs

HISTORY: Annie’s right stifle was injured playing fetch and her left stifle was injured six days after her surgery on the first side. The owners are not clear how she was injured as she was found at the bottom of their stairs in pain. With both injuries, she was visibly lame and in pain. Diagnoses were made by positive cranial drawer signs.

TREATMENT: The right injury (1st) was treated three weeks post injury with a Patsaama Stifle surgery. The left injury (2nd) was treated with a Hero Stifle Brace 10 days post-injury. Pharmaceutical treatment included Adequan injections one time a week for five weeks, Tramadol and Rimadyl. The owners were instructed on home physical therapy including ladder and side to side exercises as tolerated with increases as Annie accepted. Two months post brace fitting, the brace was remade due to weight changes. She was also put on a metabolic diet to further help with weight loss.

RESULTS: Five months post injury, Annie is very active and playful with no signs of lameness. She no longer uses the brace on a day to day basis, only for very high activity times.

“We were very excited she could go from non-ambulatory to playing in five months.”
- Anna Bade, LVT